

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-06-31

December 21, 2006

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 et seq., Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT:	Missoula County Commissioners 200 W. Broadway Missoula, MT 59802-4292
FACILITY NAME:	Rural Sewer Improvement District #901 Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant
FACILITY LOCATION:	Northeast ¼ of Section 26, Township 12 North, Range 20 West, Missoula County
RECEIVING WATER:	Outfall 001: Bitterroot River
PERMIT NUMBER:	MT0020168

This is a renewal of an existing permit for Missoula County RSID #901 Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant and regulates the discharge to the Bitterroot River of treated domestic wastewater. Permit limitations have been developed to ensure the discharge does not constitute a new or increased source for the purpose of Montana Nondegradation requirements. Loading Limitations for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus as P during the summer months are included pending development of a watershed TMDL. Increased influent and effluent monitoring requirements will ensure the facility is in compliance with

Montana water quality standards.

In September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because the permit does not authorize any new or increased discharge of pollutants.

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APPLICANT: City of White Sulphur Springs
PO Box 442
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

FACILITY NAME: White Sulphur Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Latitude 46° 32' 29.5" N, Longitude 110° 54' 48.6" W,
Meagher County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Unnamed irrigation ditch

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020699

The City of White Sulphur Springs operates a two cell facultative lagoon system to treat domestic sewage from the municipality. The city has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality to renew their discharge permit to discharge treated effluent from the treatment works. The permit contains effluent limits to control the discharge of pollutants into the receiving waters in accordance with current regulations. The receiving water is an irrigation ditch, which is classified as a B-1 water.

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APPLICANT: Willow Creek Sewer District #306
P.O. Box 145
Willow Creek, MT 59760

FACILITY NAME: Willow Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Latitude 45° 49' 25" N, Longitude 111° 38' 51" W
Gallatin County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: borrow ditch along State Highway 287

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0025038

The sewer district operates a new three cell facultative lagoon system to treat domestic sewage from the unincorporated town. The district has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality to renew their discharge permit to discharge treated effluent from the treatment works. The permit contains effluent limits to control the discharge of pollutants into the receiving waters in accordance with current regulations. The receiving water is the borrow ditch along state highway 287, which is classified as a B-1 water.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 26, 2007. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 26, 2007 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne McKittrick at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a

public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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